ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

THERE is blood on our hands. Canadian butchers are still torturing thousands of pigs, lambs and cows to death.

Screaming pigs still hang in mid-air, shackled by one leg while they wait their turn to be stabbed. After the knife-thrust, some of them take minutes to die. Terror-stricken pigs further back can smell death and hear the dying screams.

Cattle sometimes have to be hit three or four times on the head with a pole-axe before they die.

Great Britain, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, the United States and other civilized countries, have effective humane slaughter laws. Canada has not.

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There are several ways to make death quick and fairly painless for food animals. Among them are electrical stunning, gas anaesthetic, and the captive bolt pistol.

Are these humane devices expensive? At the most, they will add a fraction of a cent to the cost of killing each animal. Some of them will actually save money.

When a Liberal government was in office, certain Conservatives made angry noises about brutality in slaughterhouses.

Now that the Conservatives have a chance to take action, they seem to be dragging their feet.

They have already introduced two humane slaughter bills in the House of Commons. But there was opposition. They dropped one bill, and let the second one die.

Now they are submitting the question to a committee. This could be a sincere attempt to make a good law, or it could be a way of sweeping the subject under the carpet.

Most of the big packing companies are now ready to accept humane killing laws. Opposition came from a group of farmers and small packers, and from elements of the Jewish community.

However, the opposition seems to have been based on misunderstanding. The last bill said that kosher or religious ritual did not count. It could go on as before.

The farmers and small packers don't have much to fret about. They can be merciful at a modest cost. Captive bolt pistols are fairly cheap. Properly used, an ordinary rifle does a clean job.

Packing house workers are heartily in favor of humane killing. The SPCA and other humane groups have fought the issue for 12 years. Thousands of people support them.

Two years ago, reporter Jean Howarth of Vancouver wrote a vivid series of articles about the way they kill pigs. She made readers hear the screams and see the blood spurting. I haven't cared much for bacon since.

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My wife never eats meat, because when she was a little girl she used to play with the cows and pigs near her home, and call them by name. Then a butcher came and led the animals to the farm slaughterhouse. Peggy heard the animals screaming in agony. She ran home crying. Sometimes she still hears those screams in nightmares.

More and more people are learning about the horror of our slaughterhouses. There is a way to hasten the end of it. Write to your member of parliament, asking him to push for a law that will prevent death by torture. For every month of delay, thousands more pigs, cows and sheep die in agony. Their deaths are a disgrace to Canada.

Tito, Emperor Take Salute

Standing on a raised reviewing stand, Yugoslavia's President Tito, left, and Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, salute parading troops in Addis Ababa. The military review was held during Tito's visit to Ethiopia as part of his world tour.

Canadian Brotherhood

Week Dedicated To Wipe Out Group Intolerance

Today marks the opening of Canadian Brotherhood Week—aimed at "elimination of intergroup prejudices which disfigure and distort religious, business, social and political relations."

Premier Bennett is honorary B.C. chairman.

The special week, first observed in 1948 and sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, also has as its goals:

REDEDICATION

1. Rededication to the ideal of respect for people and human rights.

2. Demonstration of practical ways in which Canadians can promote these ideals.

3. Enlistment of more people in year-round activities to promote brotherhood.

COMFORTABLE ILLUSION

A Brotherhood Week statement by the council reads:

"There is so little active prejudice in Canada these days, some of us are convinced that we must look across the U.S. border at Arkansas or Alabama . . . or toward South Africa.

"This comfortable illusion is just that, of course.

AROUND CORNER

"Prejudices based on religious or racial differences can be found just around the corner, on any town's Main Street, playground or residential subdivision.

"More tragically, it can be found . . . in the hearts of honest men and women who . . . are convinced they are raising their children to be fine citizens.

"The respecting of men as individuals rather than rejecting them for their racial origin or religious beliefs is not a passive virtue."

FEAR-MOTIVATED

Those who insist that their ways are the only ways, the council said, and who would outlaw anyone who is different "are motivated by fear and they are reluctant to adventure in new trails."

Premier Bennett said, in part:

"I am proud of the fine example which the leaders of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and their many devoted followers are setting before the nations of the world in the promotion of universal understanding . . ."

National honorary chairman is Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Antarctic Data Confirms Belief

World's Warming Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Information gathered in the Antarctic tends to confirm a belief of many weathermen that the world is in the midst of a long-term warming trend.

This was reported Saturday by U.S. Weather Bureau scientists.

They said the temperature rise around the world is estimated at two or three degrees every 100 years.

During the International Geophysical Year, bureau meteorologists collected extensive records on the Antarctic continent.

Dr. H. E. Landsberg, director of the bureau's office of climatology, said that while the new Antarctic temperature data is not conclusive, it is consistent with the hypothesis that the world is slowly getting warmer.

The present trend began about the beginning of this century.

The weather expert said that there has been a spectacular warming trend in the last two years or three years along the Pacific coast from California to British Columbia.

The cause:

"We don't know," Landsberg said.

"We know only the effect. One theory is that the change is man-made, that a blanket of carbon dioxide given off by the burning of coal and oil retards the radiation of heat by the earth.

"Another possible explanation is an increase in the sun's radiation."

Referring to the Antarctic temperature research, Landsberg said:

"What comparable figures we do have do not contradict the idea of a general temperature up-trend in the Antarctic.

"Our information as to what is happening near the other (North) Pole is much more conclusive. Besides temperature figures, we have physical evidence."

First Vote in History

Nepal Tries Democracy

KATMANDU, Nepal (Reuters) — An experiment in democracy starts Wednesday in this remote Himalayan state, which not long ago was a "forbidden kingdom."

The people of Nepal will vote for the first time in history to select 109 members of the lower House of a newly-constituted Parliament.

Nepal, a sovereign state of 8,000,000 persons sandwiched between India and Tibet, is known for its tough Gurkha soldiers and equally tough Sherpa mountain guides.

King Mahendra, ruler of Nepal since March, 1955, published the country's first democratic constitution last Thursday, providing for a constitutional monarchy on the British model.

The constitution, drafted with the help of British lawyer Sir Ivor Jennings, calls for the establishment of two Houses. The lower House will be chosen by general elections and the upper will consist of 36 members—18 nominated by the lower House and 18 by the 39-year-old king.

A state's council will provide for a regency if the king cannot do his job and will advise him if he has to adopt special powers in an emergency.

General elections will be the climax to eight years of political upheaval since the hereditary prime ministers of the Rana family were overthrown in 1950, when its power was broken by King Tribhuvana, who began gradual steps toward democratic government.

The 72 articles of the new constitution give the Nepalese assurances of personal liberty, equality before the law and economic, political and religious freedom.

Japan Fleet For B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP) — A Japanese fisheries professor wants to transfer a complete Japanese off-shore fishing fleet to British Columbia and establish a new industry in the province.

Professor Michitaka Uka of the Tokyo University of Fisheries said here the pilot fleet — ships, equipment and crew—could be taken over by the Canadian government and used as the foundation for a vast deep-sea fishery.

He said the switch would be good for both Japanese fishermen, many who live under depressed conditions, and for the Canadians in harvesting varieties of fish at present almost unknown here.

He mentioned a few—saury, pomfret, albacore, skipjack, squid and mackerel.

Mrs. Grice Rites Set

Funeral service for Mrs. Fanny Grice, 91, a resident of Victoria for 70 years, who died Thursday, will be held Tuesday at 1.30 p.m. at Hayward's funeral home.

Born in Oshawa, Ont., she was the widow of Thomas Grice.

Mrs. Grice is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Anna Grice, Maple Bay, and Nellie Provert, Glen Valley, and three nephews, Henry Grice of California, and Gordon and George Routley of Glen Valley.

Ship Calendar

Jobs for 150 for Seven Months In Yarrows Icebreaker Work

Hull of a 223-foot icebreaker will be brought here this week for completion in Yarrows Ltd shipyards.

It will be launched Tuesday morning in Burrard Drydock shipyards which built the hull under sub-contract to the local firm.

The twin-screw diesel electric icebreaker will serve as a department of transport supply vessel in the western Arctic.

The tow is expected to arrive at Yarrows early Friday and work will start almost immediately on construction of the superstructure and completion of the $3,500,000 job.

A company official said the job will provide seven months' work for about 150 men.

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Scientists of the international Pacific Halibut Commission will tag halibut in the eastern section of the Bering Sea this spring.

They plan to charter a vessel equipped for halibut fishing for a period of approximately 140 days starting in mid-April. It should have accommodation for seven fishermen and two scientists. Interested owners should contact the commission.

Pacific Command frigates Jonquiere and New Waterford are visiting Port Alberni this weekend. The two navy ships will be open to the public from 1.30 to 4.30 this afternoon.

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Victoria was a port of call yesterday for the 14,800-ton Island Mariner on her maiden voyage. The diesel-powered ship was built at Rotterdam where Captain Nicholas Seretis of Athens took over his command four months ago. Crew of 36 are all Greeks. She sailed last night for Vancouver.

A Formosan Chinese ship, the freighter Hai Yu is at Nanaimo.

Other merchant shipping in Island ports includes Lagos Ontario, Cowichan Bay; Judith Ann, Crofton; Thunderbird, Nanaimo; Rondo, Chemainus; King Charles, Tahsis; Cape Grafton, Alberni.

Scout Group Starting Off

St. Aidan's 55th Victoria Scout group will receive its charter from district commissioner Reginald Girard at ceremonies starting at 7.30 tomorrow night in the church hall, Richmond and Cedar Hill Crossroad.

NORTHERN WHALE

The beluga or white whale of the Hudson Straits may weigh as much as two tons.

Centenary Weathers Opening

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's celebration of 100 years of statehood opened on a hesitant note Saturday as heavy snows blocked mountain highways, torrential rains caused earthslides and winds buffeted scattered cities.

Vice-president Richard Nixon, only a little delayed, reached Astoria for the first of the centenary's events — opening sale of the Oregon centennial commemorative stamp.

Astoria is the site of the first post office established west of the Rocky Mountains. It was opened in 1847.

Weather Forecast

February 15, 1959

Variable cloudiness and a few showers. Little change in temperature. Winds light at times rising to easterly 15. Saturday precipitation .02 inches. Sunshine, 4 hours, 24 minutes. Monday outlook: mostly cloudy.

Recorded Temperatures

High 44 Low 35

Forecast Temperatures

High 43 Low 35

Sunrise 7.23 Sunset 5.34

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Cloudy with clear periods. A few showers. Little change in temperature. Winds light easterly. High and low at Nanaimo, 42 and 32. Monday outlook: mostly cloudy.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Estevan, 42 and 35. Monday outlook: Cloudy.

TEMPERATURES

	Min	Max	Pre
St. John's	15	22	.05
Halifax	16	32	---
Montreal	2	25	---
Ottawa	4	34	Trace
Toronto	30	32	.52
North Bay	5	22	.05
Port Arthur	— 8	19	---
Kenora	— 3	15	---
Winnipeg	—14	8	---
Brandon	— 8	6	.02
The Pas	—18	2	---
Regina	—19	10	Trace
Saskatoon	— 8	16	.01
Prince Albert	—11	9	.03
N. Battleford	— 5	10	Trace
Swift Current	—12	20	---
Medicine Hat	—11	23	---
Lethbridge	— 3	27	---
Calgary	— 4	14	---
Kimberley	15	31	.15
Crescent Valley	27	33	1.10
Kaslo	27	33	.35
Kamloops	31	39	.04
Vancouver	34	48	.14
Prince Rupert	29	40	---
Prince George	10	15	.72
Whitehorse	— 5	10	.01
Seattle	34	39	.72
Portland	33	46	1.34
San Francisco	50	57	---
Los Angeles	46	65	---
Spokane	32	39	.14
Chicago	27	39	.23
New York	34	36	.10

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
15	07.27	8.4	13.45	4.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	07.51	8.4	16.43	3.9	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	08.20	8.4	17.32	3.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	09.13	8.4	18.13	3.1	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	10.20	8.4	18.52	2.7	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	04.34	7.9	06.48	7.7	11.28	2.5	19.28	2.4
21	04.44	7.8	07.31	7.3	12.24	2.6	20.04	2.3
22	05.41	7.7	08.15	6.7	13.19	2.5	20.40	2.3
23	03.34	7.9	08.56	6.1	14.12	2.4	21.16	2.6
24	03.57	8.1	09.41	5.4	15.08	2.1	21.54	3.1
25	04.25	8.4	10.31	4.8	16.08	1.7	22.32	3.8
26	05.00	8.6	11.22	4.2	17.12	1.3	23.12	4.6
27	05.38	8.8	12.16	3.7	18.25	0.9	23.54	5.4

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
15	03.15	8.4	09.20	10.6	17.05	4.9	.....	.....
16	03.28	8.3	04.25	9.1	08.54	10.4	17.56	4.6
17	02.48	8.3	05.11	4.3	10.35	10.3	18.47	4.2
18	03.25	10.2	07.32	8.6	11.26	10.2	19.33	3.8
19	03.5[illegible]	10.6	08.31	9.4	12.23	10.1	20.15	3.4
20	04.21	10.9	09.13	9.1	13.27	10.2	20.57	3.1
21	04.45	11.1	09.52	8.7	14.32	10.3	21.39	3.0
22	05.10	11.3	10.29	8.3	15.38	10.4	22.18	3.1
23	05.36	11.5	11.07	7.4	16.27	10.3	22.59	3.5
24	06.02	11.6	11.50	6.6	17.27	10.2	23.38	4.1
25	06.31	11.7	12.34	5.8	18.30	10.1	.....	.....
26	00.20	5.0	07.01	11.7	13.20	5.0	19.38	9.9
27	01.04	6.1	07.32	11.6	14.11	4.4	20.34	8.7

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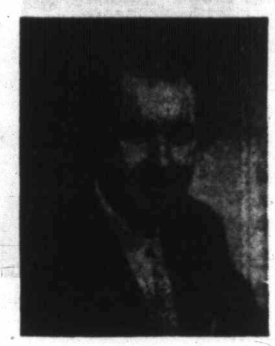

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